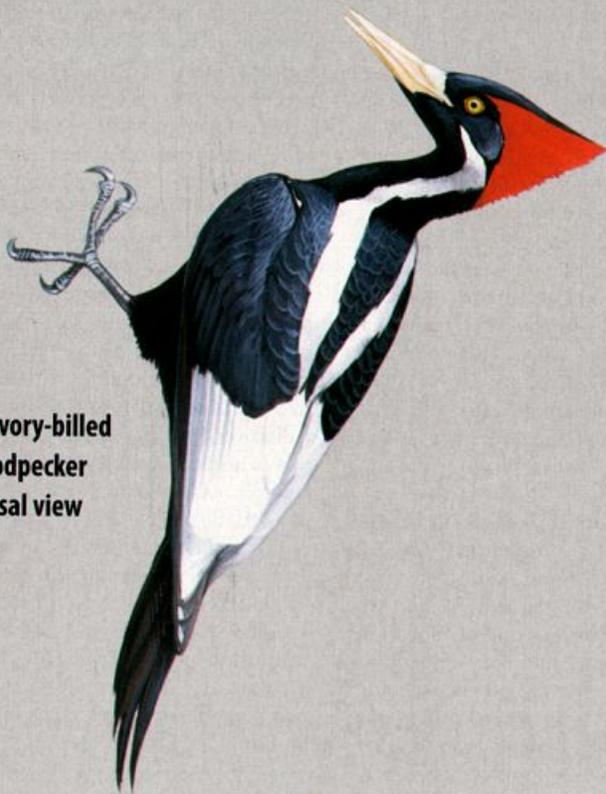


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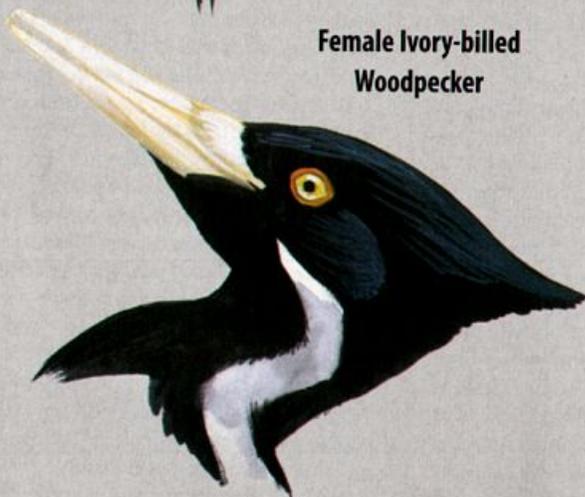
Once again, now in the twenty-first century, an Ivory-billed Woodpecker has been reported in North America, this time in Arkansas. The last verified photograph of the species comes from 1948, in Cuba, and we are hopeful that the most recent reports will spur birders to seek out and document this species with photographs in the southern United States. Nearly all reports of Ivory-billeds pertain to its smaller relative, Pileated Woodpecker. To help observers distinguish the two, David Sibley has painted these new images (July 2005) from specimens, film footage, and still photographs. Many of the familiar field marks from the old field guides are here, but note the striking difference in the shapes of these species, both in flight and perched. The “jizz” of Ivory-billeds in direct flight has been compared to Northern Pintails, even Common Loons—so long are their bodies and wings.



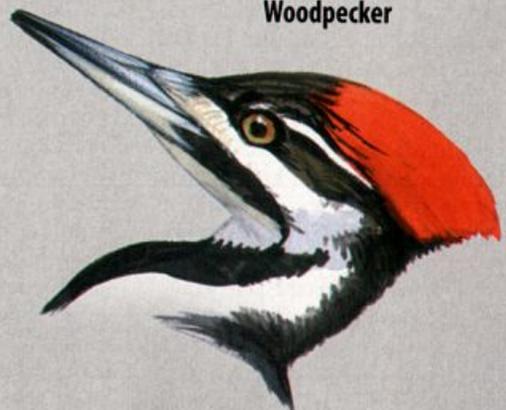
**Male Ivory-billed
Woodpecker
Dorsal view**



**Male Pileated
Woodpecker
Dorsal view**



**Female Ivory-billed
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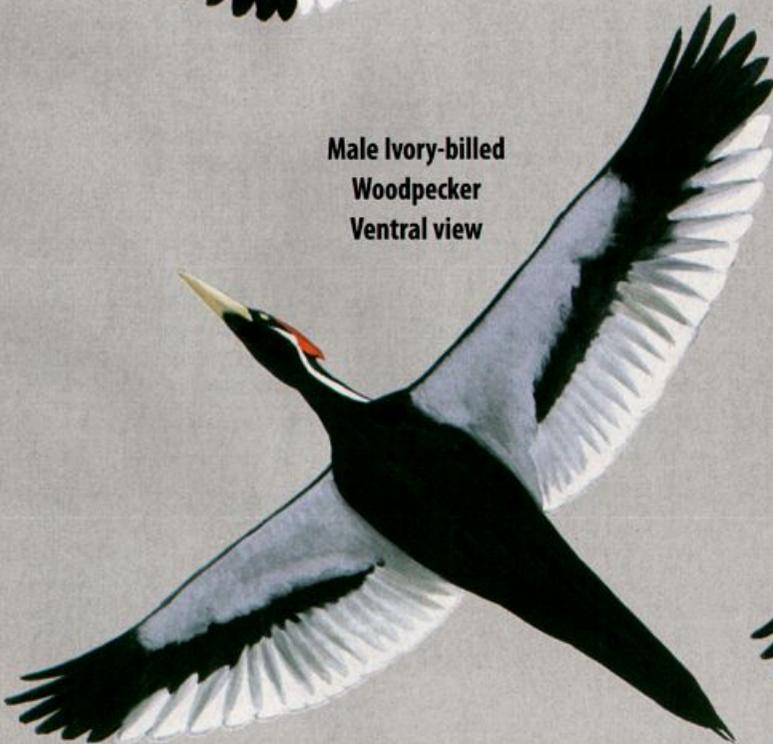
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